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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE TO PREESIDENT FORD

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT KEYNI KOUNTCHE TO PRESIDENT FORD, RECEIVED UNDER COVER  
OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. QUOTE AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CELEBRATE WITH JOY THE  
BICENTENNIAL OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE, IT IS A PARTICULAR  
PLEASURE IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME MILITARY  
COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF NIGER AND  
ON MY OWN BEHALF, TO SEND OUR HEARTIEST AND WARMEST CONGRAT-MDULATION  
S. THIS HAPPY OCCASION ALSO GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
REFLECT ONCE AGAIN ON THE FRIENDSHIP EXISTING SO PROFITABLY  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, A FRIEDNSHIP WHICH HAS GIVEN BORTH TO A  
COOPERATION AT ONCE FRUITFUL AND IN ACCORD WITH THE LEGIT-  
IMATE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES. THE PEOPLE OF NIGER IN  
PARTICULAR APPRECIATE THE STRONG SOLIDARITY OF YOUR  
COUNTRY DURING THE HARSH CHANNENGES UNDERGONE  
IN THSE RECENT YEARS WHICH NIGER IS SEEKING TO OVERCOME  
WITH DIGNITY TODAY. WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE WISHES TO  
SEE YOUR PEOPLE ACHIEVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE SUCCEYYVDLN ALL THEIR UN  
DERTAKINGS, AS WELL AS HAPPINESS AND  
PROPSPERITY. WITH HIGH CONSIDERATION.

3. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED. HECK

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